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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT

This report is based on information received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from a representative number of meat-packing establishments. It indicates the average live weight per animal, average yields of dressed carcasses, the average cost per 100 pounds of live weight for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep and lambs slaughtered during February 1943. Comparable data are included for previous months. The report also shows the percentage of purchases at public stockyards and direct purchases from producers, the classification of animals purchased, and records of monthly slaughter under Federal inspection.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Class of Livestock	Unit	February 1942	January 1943	February 1943
<u>Average live weight of animals</u>				
Cattle	Pounds	977.07	969.73	981.40
Steers 1/	"	1,013.05	1,011.32	1,009.33
Calves	"	183.82	192.14	176.05
Hogs	"	237.03	252.08	252.16
Sheep and lambs	"	95.74	91.21	93.61
<u>Average yield</u>				
Cattle	Percent	54.60	54.38	54.87
Calves	"	56.55	55.53	55.55
Hogs	"	75.68	75.98	75.80
Sheep and lambs	"	45.93	45.46	45.35
<u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u>				
Cattle	Dollars	10.17	12.39	13.00
Steers 1/	"	11.51	13.80	14.39
Calves	"	11.70	13.14	13.84
Hogs	"	12.38	14.56	15.07
Sheep and lambs	"	11.35	13.70	14.41

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

February 1943 and 1942

(Reported by Bureau of Animal Industry USDA)

Class of Livestock	Total slaughtered during February 1943	1942	Carcasses condemned during February 1943	1942
Cattle	853,912	891,013	4,249	5,095
Calves	331,166	392,093	2,306	2,467
Hogs	4,335,306	3,892,077	10,125	11,490
Sheep and lambs	1,498,703	1,406,657	4,905	3,416

1/ Steers also included in "Cattle" data.

See next page for slaughter records.

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## SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

Sources of supply	Unit	February 1942	January 1943	February 1943
<u>Cattle</u>				
Stockyards	Percent	76.84	78.44	79.35
Other	"	23.16	21.56	20.65
<u>Calves</u>				
Stockyards	"	59.32	63.74	61.77
Other	"	40.68	36.26	38.23
<u>Hogs</u>				
Stockyards	"	44.23	45.65	46.56
Other	"	55.77	54.35	53.44
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Stockyards	"	59.60	64.25	62.05
Other	"	40.40	35.75	37.95

## CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASED

<u>Cattle</u>				
Steers	Percent	51.17	49.69	52.50
Cows and heifers	"	45.36	46.77	43.88
Bulls and stags	"	3.47	3.54	3.62
<u>Hogs</u>				
Sows	"	45.57	44.39	45.31
Barrows	"	53.68	55.03	54.07
Boars and stags	"	0.75	0.58	0.62
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Sheep	"	5.88	14.99	11.97
Lambs and yearlings	"	94.12	85.01	88.03

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